

Simon Home  
Castroville, Texas.

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SIMON HOUSE  
Castroville, Medina County, Texas.

Present Owner: J.T. Lawler

Date of Erection: 1847

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Michel Simon

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Limestone, cypress and oak.

Other Existing Records: Deed in Medina County Courthouse.

Additional Data:

Mr. Simon, one of the original colonists of Castroville, received his deed from Henry Castro in 1847 and immediately built the house.

The construction of this house is quite strong but primitive; it clearly shows that the rock was picked up and placed as found, varying in size from half brick to 2' square. It is of square construction, has two rooms, one upstairs and one downstairs. The upstairs room is accessible by means of a short ladder, which was common of most two story houses of that time. The lower room has a small fireplace. The roof was hipped and covered with hand split cypress shingles; window and door jambs are of oak.

This information was secured from Mr. J.T. Lawler of Castroville, Texas.

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